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SUBJECT: BREZHNEV'S TITLE

1. WE HAVE NOTED THAT TASS ENGLISH SERVICE HAS REFERRED TO BREZHNEV AS "PRESIDENT BREZHNEV" ALTHOUGH HE IS NOW CHAIRMAN OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE USSR SUPREME SOVIET AS WELL AS GENERAL SECRETARY OF CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE. PRESIDENT CARTER'S CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO BREZHNEV ADDRESSED HIM AS "CHAIRMAN BREZHNEV", AS WE HAD ADDRESSED HIS PREDECESSOR NIKOLAY PODGORNYY. WE WILL ASK EMBASSY MOSCOW TO CLARIFY BREZHNEV'S PROPER TITLE AND FORM OF ADDRESS WITH SOVIET MFA, BUT BEFORE DOING SO WE WISH TO COMPARE NOTES WITH ALLIES. MISSION REQUESTED TO RAISE MATTER AT NEXT POLADS MEETING, AND ASK ALLIES WHAT TITLE THEY HAVE EMPLOYED, NOTING THAT UNLESS SOVIETS TELL US OTHERWISE, WE ARE USING FOLLOWING TITLE IN ADDRESSING BREZHNEV: QUOTE
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HIS EXCELLENCY LEONID I BREZHNEV, CHAIRMAN, PRESIDUM OF THE SUPREME SOVIET OF THE USSR, MOSCOW, USSR;
DEAR CHAIRMAN BREZHNEV. UNQUOTE

2. PLEASE ADVISE. CHRISTOPHER

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